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MEMBER AGENCY OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA October 10, 2013

California Department of Water Resources Division of Integrated Regional Water Management Financial Assistance Branch Post Office Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236 Attn: Keith Wallace

Subject: Round 2 Proposition 84 Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations - Support

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable and recycled water for the communities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and unincorporated areas of northwest Los Angeles County. We write to express our support for the Round 2 Proposition 84 Implementation Grant draft funding recommendations, which include funding for two important projects in the communities we serve.

Citywide Storm Drain Catch Basin Curb Screen Project (City of Calabasas).

When completed, this extensive project being led by the City of Calabasas will install curb screens at over 900 locations within the City to intercept trash and debris that would normally have flowed into the Los Angeles River, the Malibu Creek and ultimately to the Pacific Ocean.

<u>Upper Malibu Creek Watershed Restoration Project (City of Agoura Hills & Mountains Restoration and Conservation Authority)</u>

The objective of this project is to create a park that will provide riparian habitat, open space, passive recreational amenities, stormwater filtration, stormwater recharge, and other park amenities in the upper Malibu Creek watershed. We are particularly supportive of the project's use of bio-swales to capture and filter urban runoff and stormwater. The use of bio-swales for capturing irrigation runoff is something the District has studied and successfully tested in other state bond-funded projects.

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As one of the agencies with a stewardship role in the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP region, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District appreciates and supports the efforts by local cities and other agencies to reduce or eliminate trash and other contaminants from our creeks. We hope these projects will serve as a model for other communities to emulate, and we respectfully ask that the Department of Water Resources adopt its funding recommendations for the Greater Los Angeles County IRWM region.

Sincerely,

David W. Pedersen, P.E.

General Manager

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

cc: Greg Ramirez, City Manager, City of Agoura Hills

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